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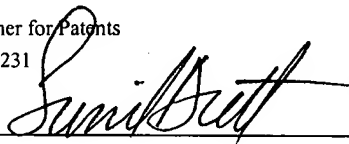
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Michael J. Dietz, II

Application No.: 09/003,003 ✓

Filed: January 5, 1998

For: ELECTRONIC SECOND SPIN  
SLOT MACHINE

Examiner: Carmen White

Art Unit: 3713

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the second Office Action mailed July 18, 2000, for which a petition is submitted to extend time for three months from October 18, 2000 to January 18, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 18 and 20 as follows:

Sub. C1> 1. (Twice Amended) A method of operating an electronic gaming apparatus having a plurality of symbols arrayed in multiple symbol columns and rows on its monitor comprising the steps of:

- selecting initial symbols to be arrayed in said multiple symbol columns and rows;
- displaying the initial symbols selected in an array of multiple symbol columns and rows on said monitor;
- designating a chosen number, from none to all, of said initial displayed

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